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FORMER SAN ANTONIO POLICE OFFICER ARRESTED ON FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS CHARGE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton and Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge Ralph G. Diaz announced that former San Antonio Police Officer Dean Gutierrez was arrested this morning on a federal civil rights charge.

Gutierrez was charged by a federal grand jury indictment with one count of violation of civil rights under color of law. The indictment—returned on Tuesday and unsealed this afternoon—alleges that on June 10, 2005, Gutierrez, while acting under color of law as a San Antonio Police officer, sexually assaulted an individual. The indictment further states that as a result of Gutierrez' actions, the victim suffered bodily injury and was deprived of the constitutionally-protected right to bodily integrity.

Upon conviction, Gutierrez faces up to life in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the San Antonio Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Bill Baumann and DOJ Civil Rights trial attorney James F. Felte, Jr., are prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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